

# BookletChart™



## Chesapeake Bay – Pocomoke and Tangier Sounds

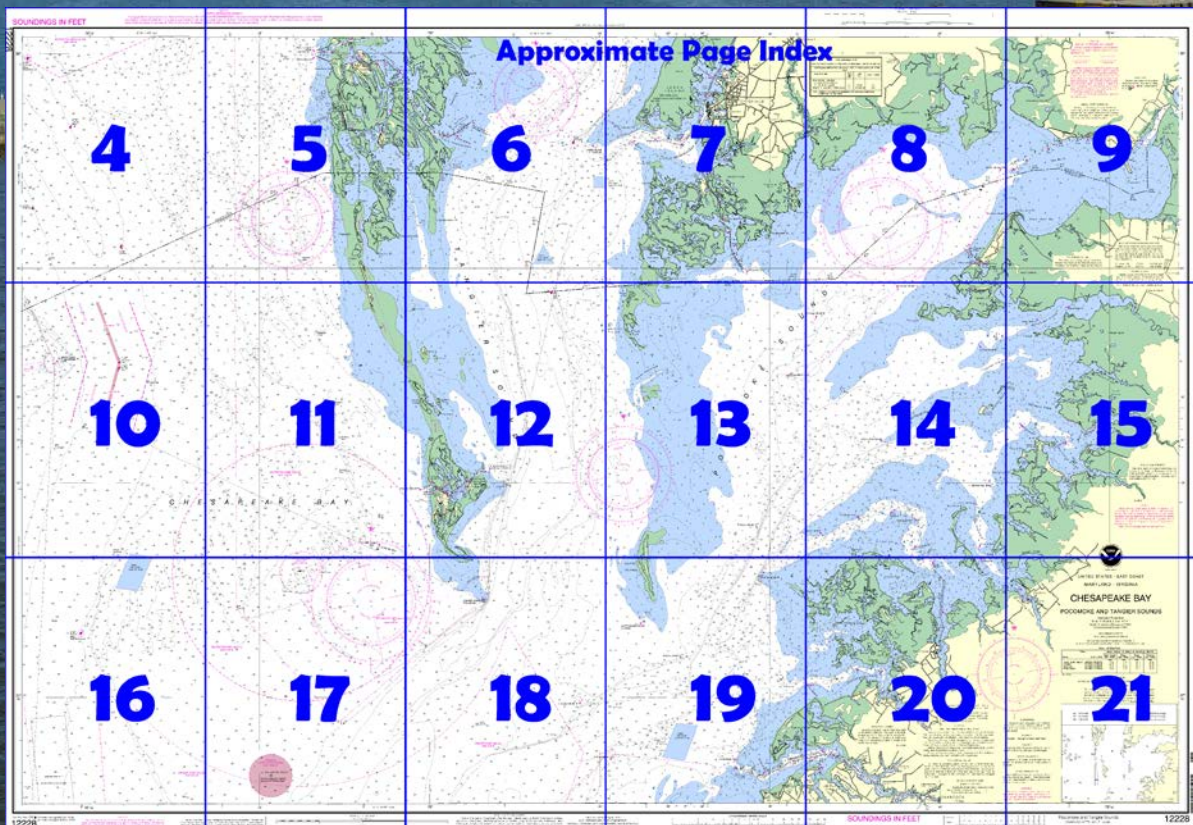
NOAA Chart 12228

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### What is a BookletChart™?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=12228>.



**(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)**  
**Onancock Creek** (37°43.4'N., 75°51.1'W.), 38 miles north of Cape Charles, has traffic in petroleum products, sand, and gravel. A marked dredged channel leads across the entrance bar and up the creek to an anchorage basin off the town of **Onancock**, about 4.3 miles above the mouth, thence to channels in the **North Branch** and **Central Branch** at the head of the creek. In 2010, the midchannel controlling depths were 5 feet

to Onancock, thence 7 feet in the North Branch, with 8 feet in the North Branch basin, thence 4.5 feet in Central Branch to the first bridge, thence 4 to 6 feet in the anchorage basin.

Water and electricity are available at the public dock at Onancock. Gasoline is available at the oil wharf opposite the town dock. Diesel fuel is available by truck. The **harbormaster** makes berthing assignments and monitors VHF-FM channel 16.

**Chesconessex Creek** is 2 miles northward of Onancock Creek. In 1976, shoaling to an unknown extent was reported in the approach to the creek between Chesconessex Buoy 1 and Light 2. Above Light 2, depths are about 8 feet for 1 mile above the mouth to the middle of **Tobacco Island**, thence in 1997, favoring the south side of the channel, 6 feet to **Chesconessex**, about 2 miles above the mouth of the creek; thence in 2001, depths of about 1 to 3 feet could be carried to about 0.4 mile above the town. The creek is used by small local boats.

The approach to Chesconessex Creek from eastward of Watts Island Light is marked by buoys and a light; the channel above the entrance is marked by daybeacons and sometimes bush stakes.

The southern and main entrance to **Pocomoke Sound**, between the southern end of **Watts Island** and **Pocomoke Sound Light 6** (37°47'49"N., 75°50'19"W.), is 40 miles northward of Cape Charles. Extensive flats occupy most of the sound. A channel, wide and deep at the entrance but comparatively shallow in its most northerly part, leads to Pocomoke River, the most important tributary.

The shores of Pocomoke Sound are low and without prominent natural landmarks. The critical points along the main channel between the entrance and the mouth of Pocomoke River are marked by lights and buoys. The Virginia-Maryland boundary line is marked by buoys with orange and white bands, and diamond-shaped white daybeacons with orange reflective borders.

The sound is used by many local oyster and fishing boats and by some tugs and barges. Small boats can enter from northwestward in Tangier Sound by way of Broad Creek, which is discussed later.

A string of marshy islands and large shoals separates the lower part of Pocomoke Sound from Tangier Sound on the westward. **Watts Island**, southernmost of the string, is marshy and wooded. Watts Island Warning Light is 0.6 mile south-southwestward of the island.

**Little Fox Island**, 5 miles northward of the entrance, is low with flats between it and Watts Island. The flats are shallow and should not be navigated without local knowledge. **Great Thorofare**, just northward of Little Fox Island, has depths of 2 feet and is used by local boats.

Just north of Pocomoke Sound Light 6, a marked crooked tributary channel with depths of 8 feet or more leads between shallow flats for 5 miles into a dredged channel in Deep Creek. In 2005, the controlling depth in the dredged channel from the entrance to the turning basin at the town of **Deep Creek** was 1.9 feet; depths from 1.2 to 2.5 feet were in the turning basin. The channel is marked by lights and daybeacons. Deep Creek is used only by small local boats, many of which enter from Hunting Creek on the eastward by way of **The Notch**, a passage behind the 1.5 mile chain of islands which separates the outer parts of the two creeks; the controlling depth in The Notch is about 2 feet; the channel is marked by bush stakes.

Another tributary channel, 3.5 miles northeastward of Pocomoke Sound Light 6, leads to **Hunting Creek** along the south side of **Guilford Flats** and southward through **The Thorofare** to the wharf at **Hopkins** on the east side of Hunting Creek, 2.5 miles above the mouth. The marked channel has depths of 7 feet or more to within 0.7 mile of Hopkins, thence 2.5 feet to the wharf.

### **U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center** **24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies**

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## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers

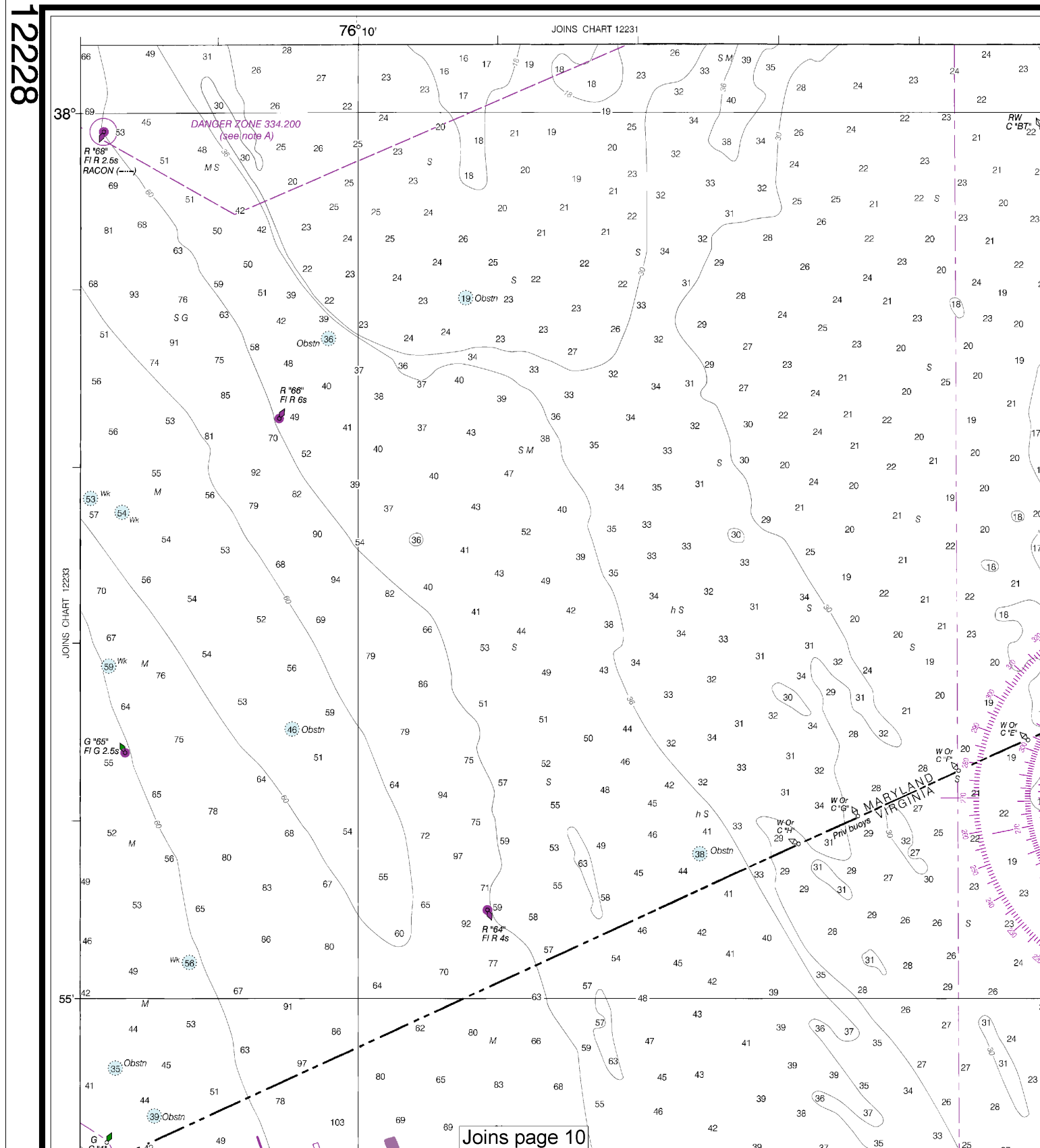


For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area.

These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

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One-way traffic lanes overprinted on this chart in the vicinity of Smith Point are RECOMMENDED for all vessels except tugboats and fishing vessels. The lanes are intended to prevent collisions but are not intended in any way to supersede or alter the applicable Rules of the Road. The recommended lanes are shown by a blue line with arrows pointing in the direction of traffic. A red line with arrows pointing in the opposite direction separates the courses of inbound and outbound vessels. Vessels should leave the buoy on their port hand when entering the harbor.



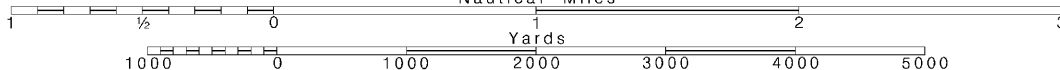
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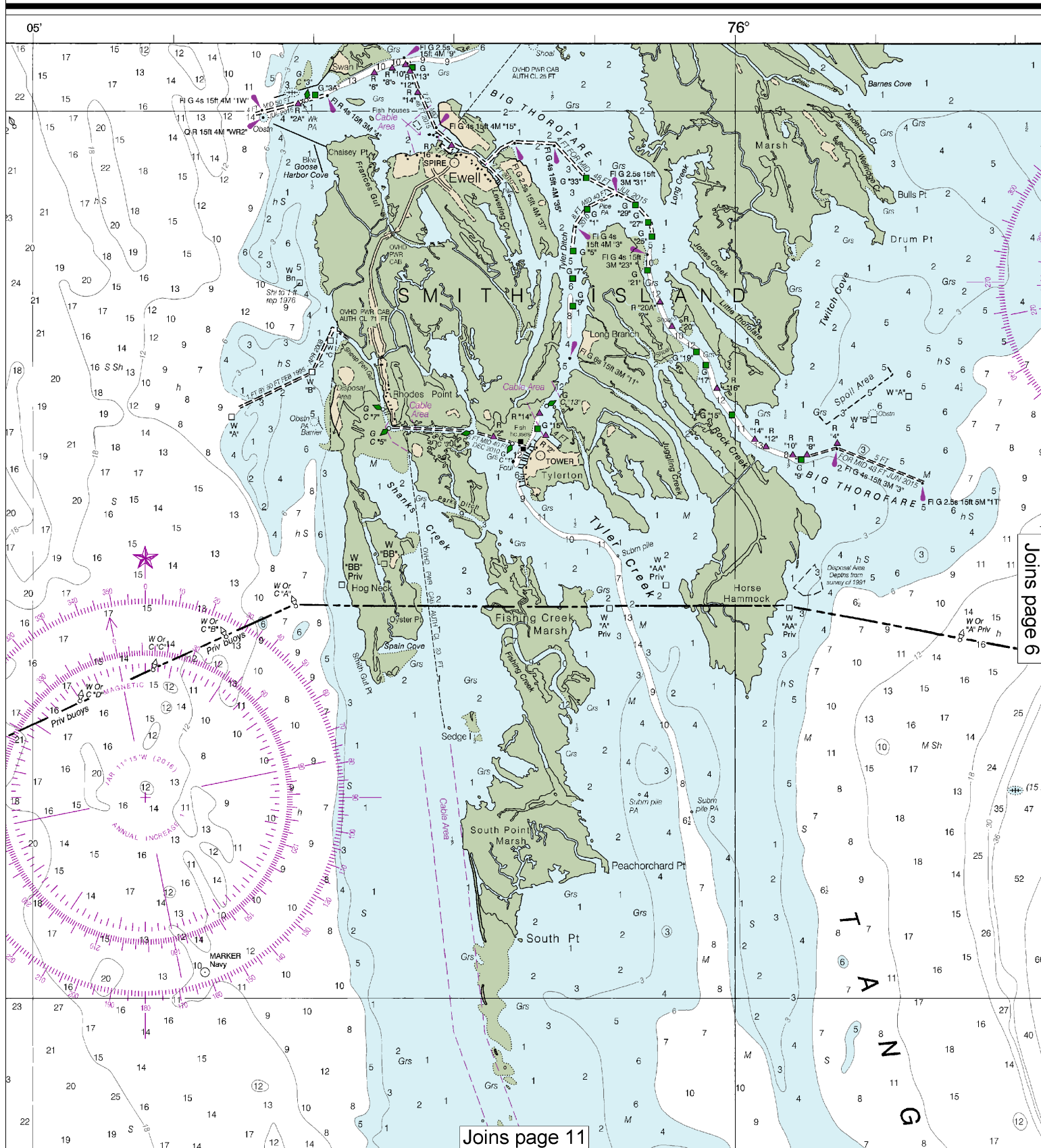
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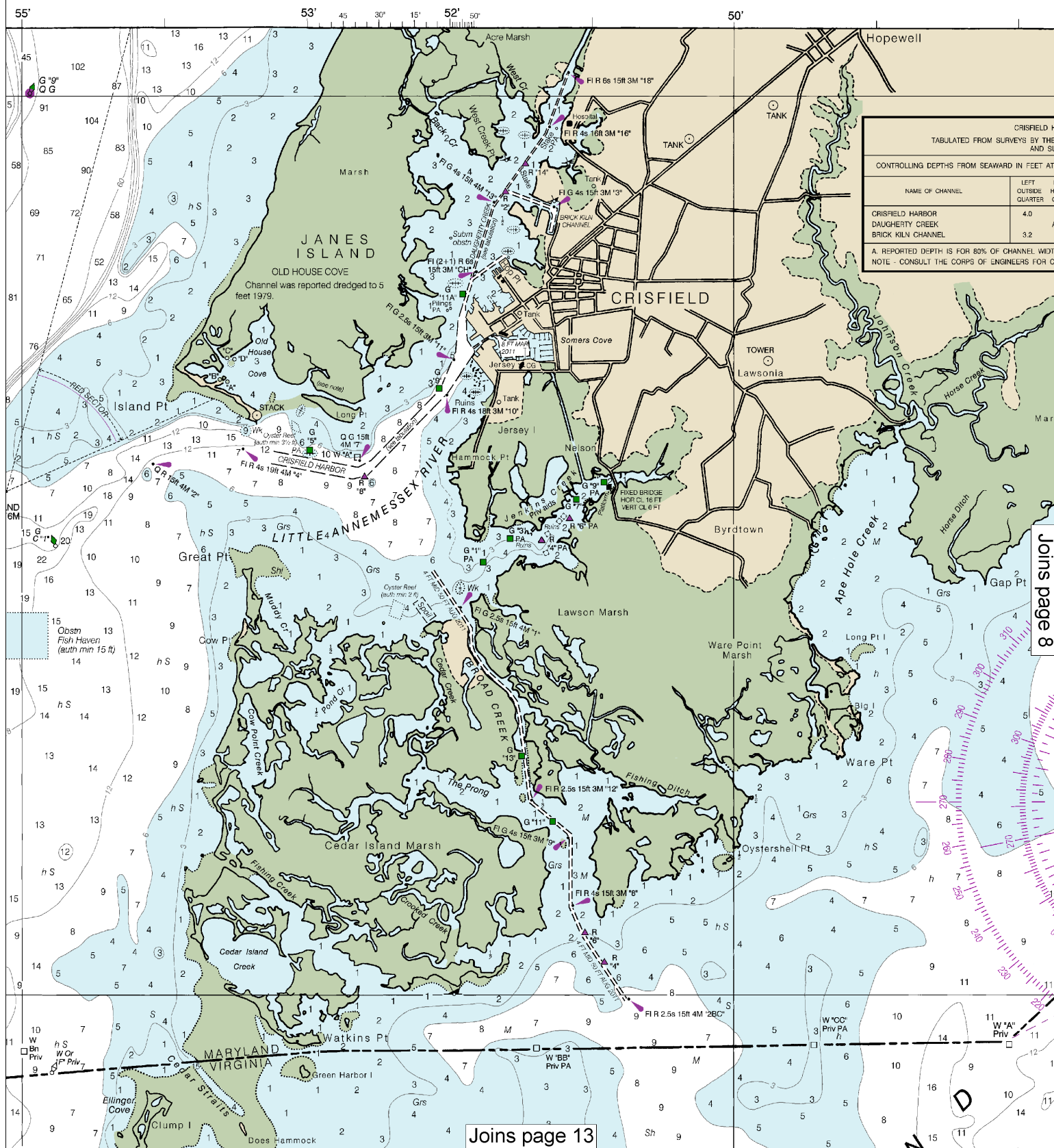
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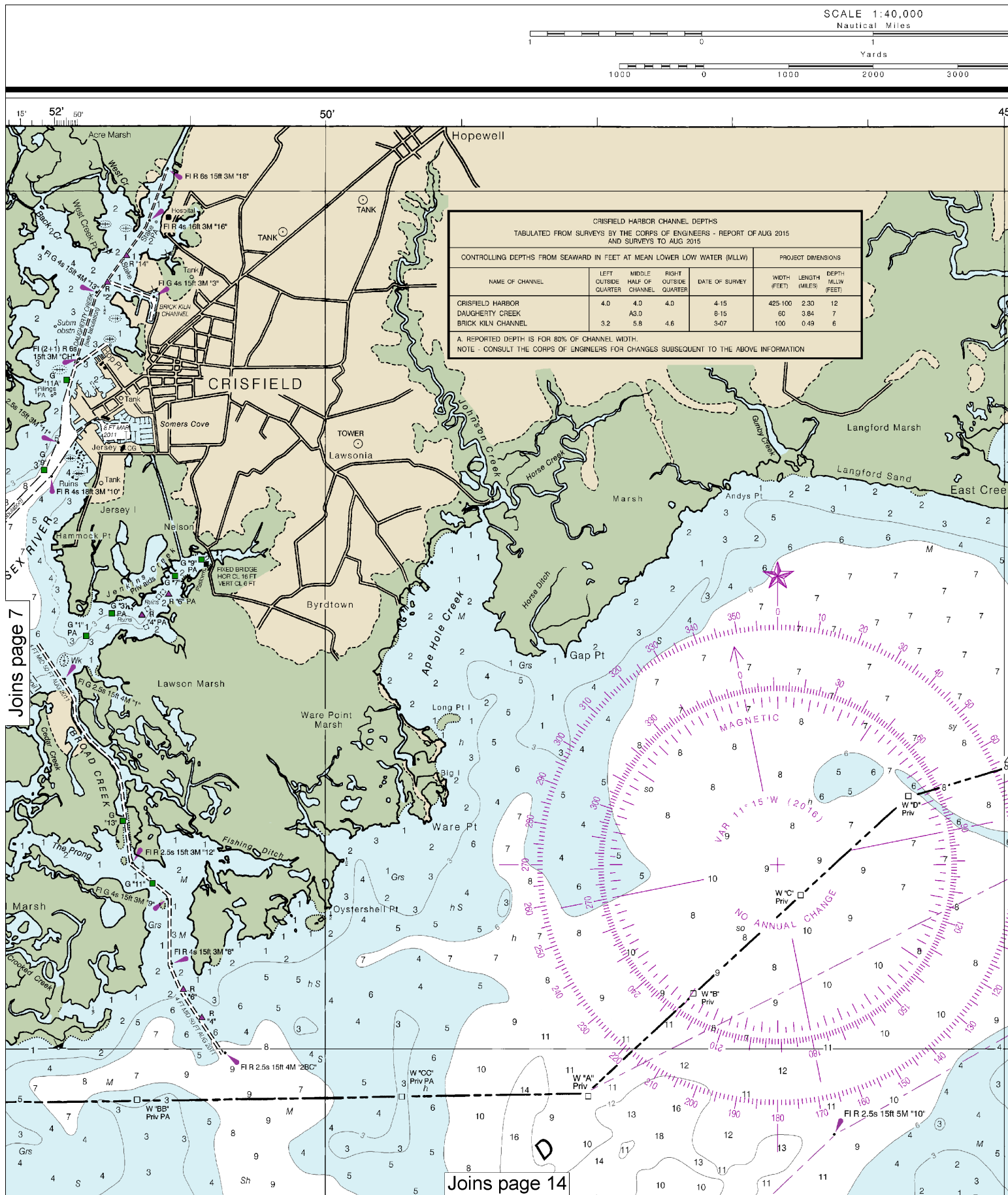




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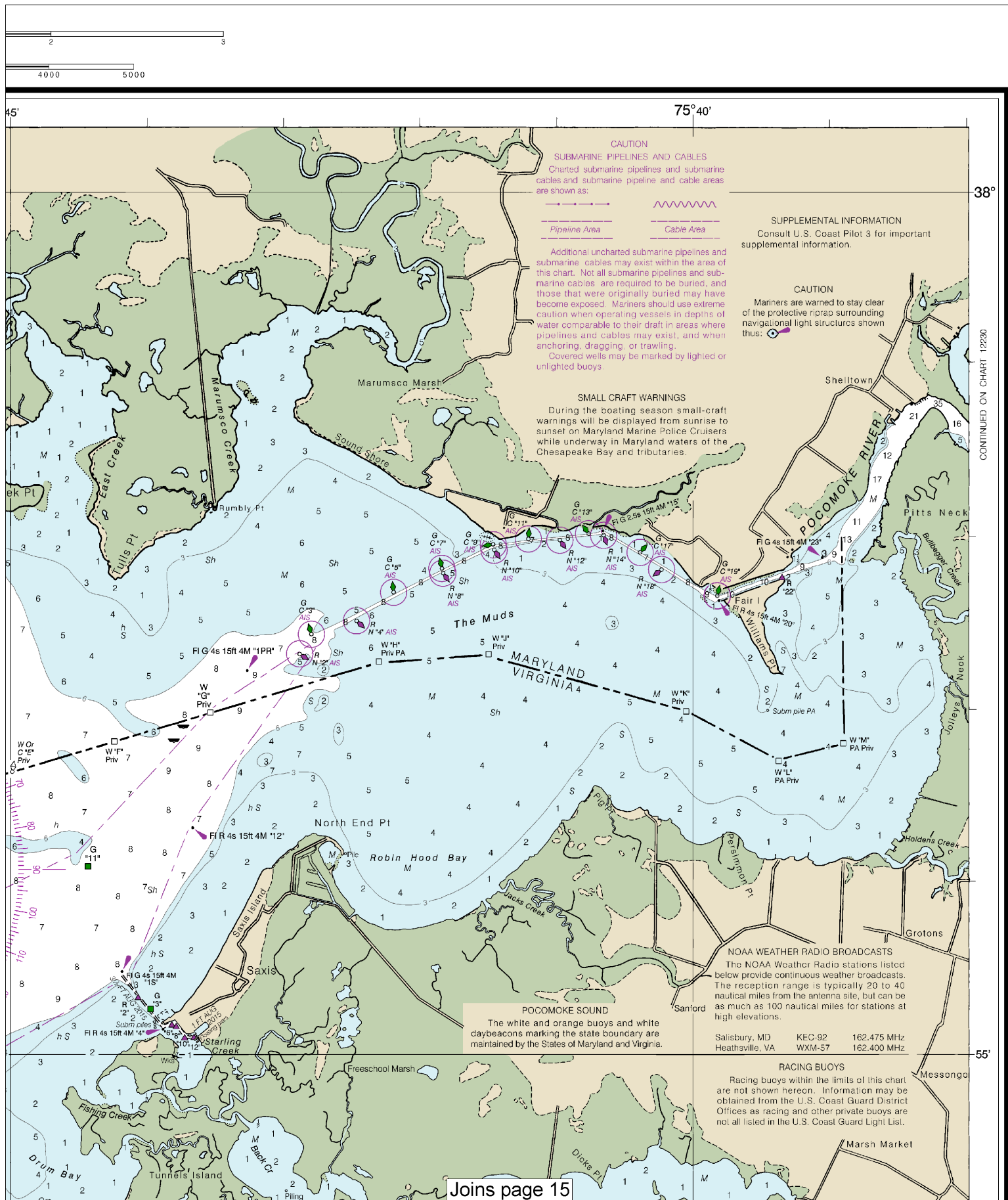
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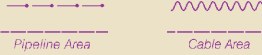
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CAUTION  
SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES  
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine  
cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas  
are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and  
submarine cables may exist within the area of  
this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and sub-  
marine cables are required to be buried, and  
those that were originally buried may have  
become exposed. Mariners should use extreme  
caution when operating vessels in depths of  
water comparable to their draft in areas where  
pipelines and cables may exist, and when  
anchoring, dragging, or trawling.  
Covered wells may be marked by lighted or  
unlighted buoys.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important  
supplemental information.

CAUTION  
Mariners are warned to stay clear of  
the protective riprap surrounding  
navigational light structures shown  
thus:

SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS  
During the boating season small-craft  
warnings will be displayed from sunrise to  
sunset on Maryland Marine Police Cruisers  
while underway in Maryland waters of the  
Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS  
The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed  
below provide continuous weather broadcasts.  
The reception range is typically 20 to 40  
nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be  
as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at  
high elevations.

Salisbury, MD	KEC-92	162.475 MHz
Heathsville, VA	WXM-57	162.400 MHz

RACING BUOYS  
Racing buoys within the limits of this chart  
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obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District  
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not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

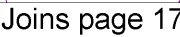
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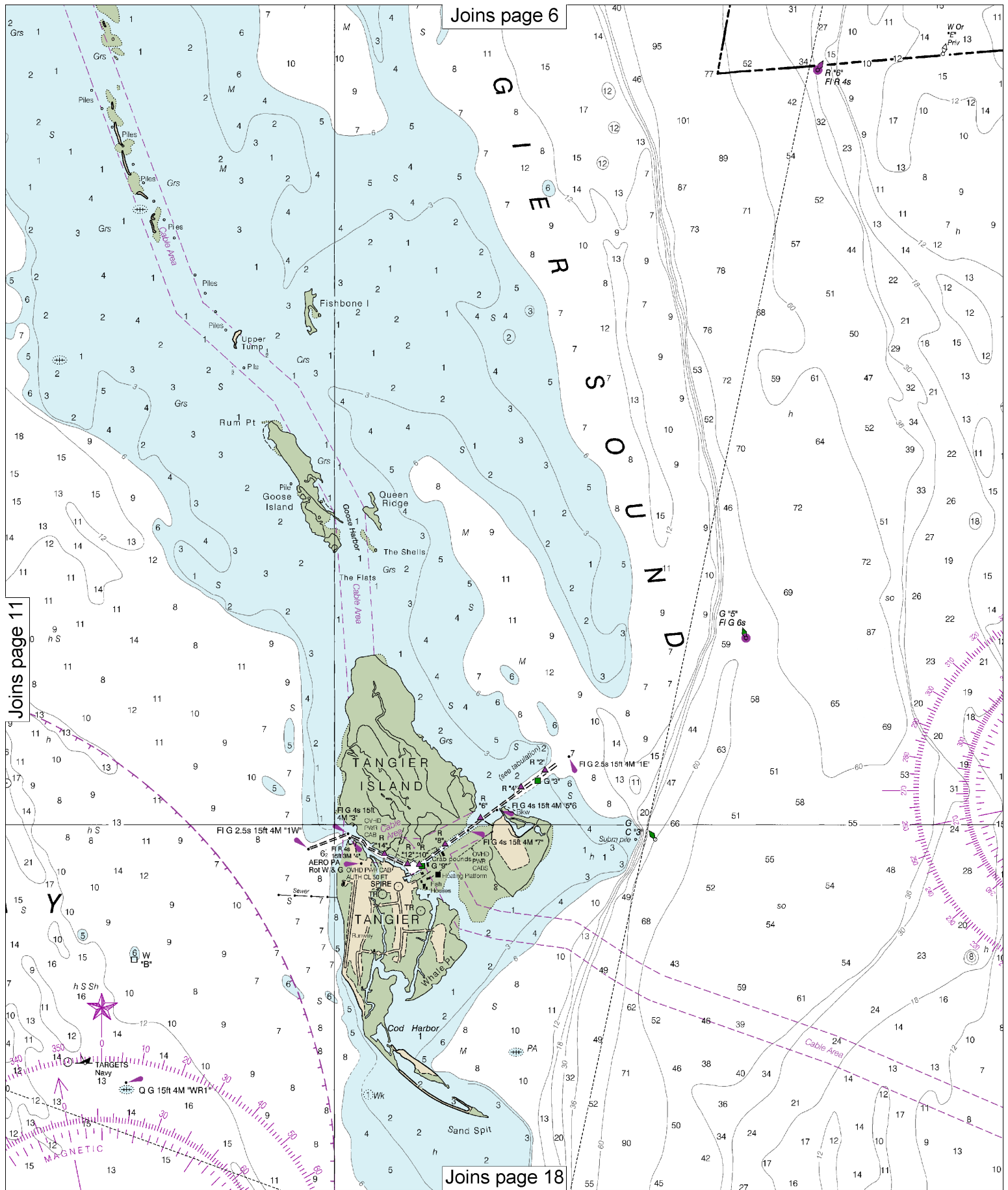
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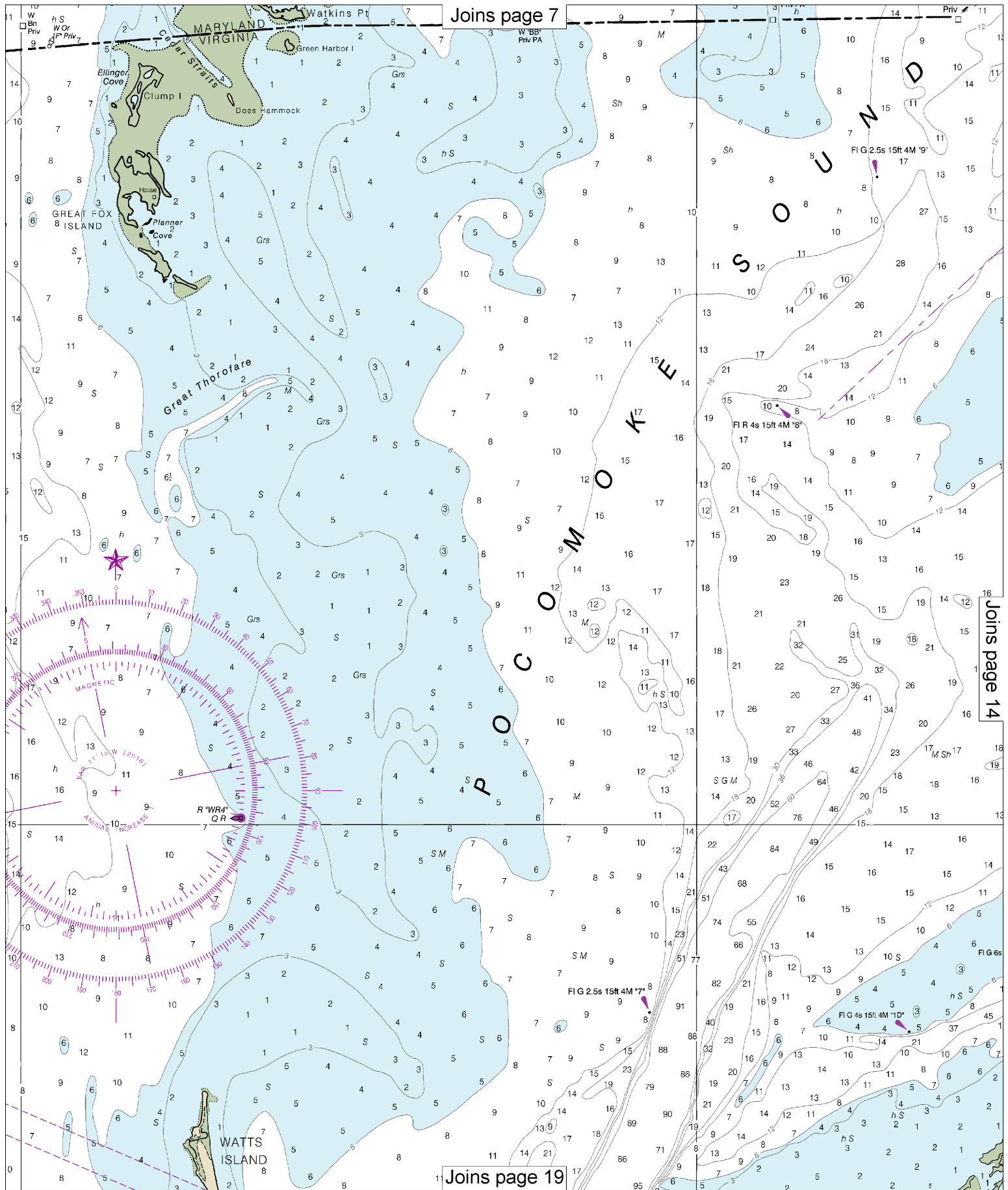
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**NOTE A**

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Norfolk, Virginia.  
Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

**POLLUTION REPORTS**

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

**TANGIER ISLAND CHANNEL DEPTHS**

TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - REPORT OF JAN 2013

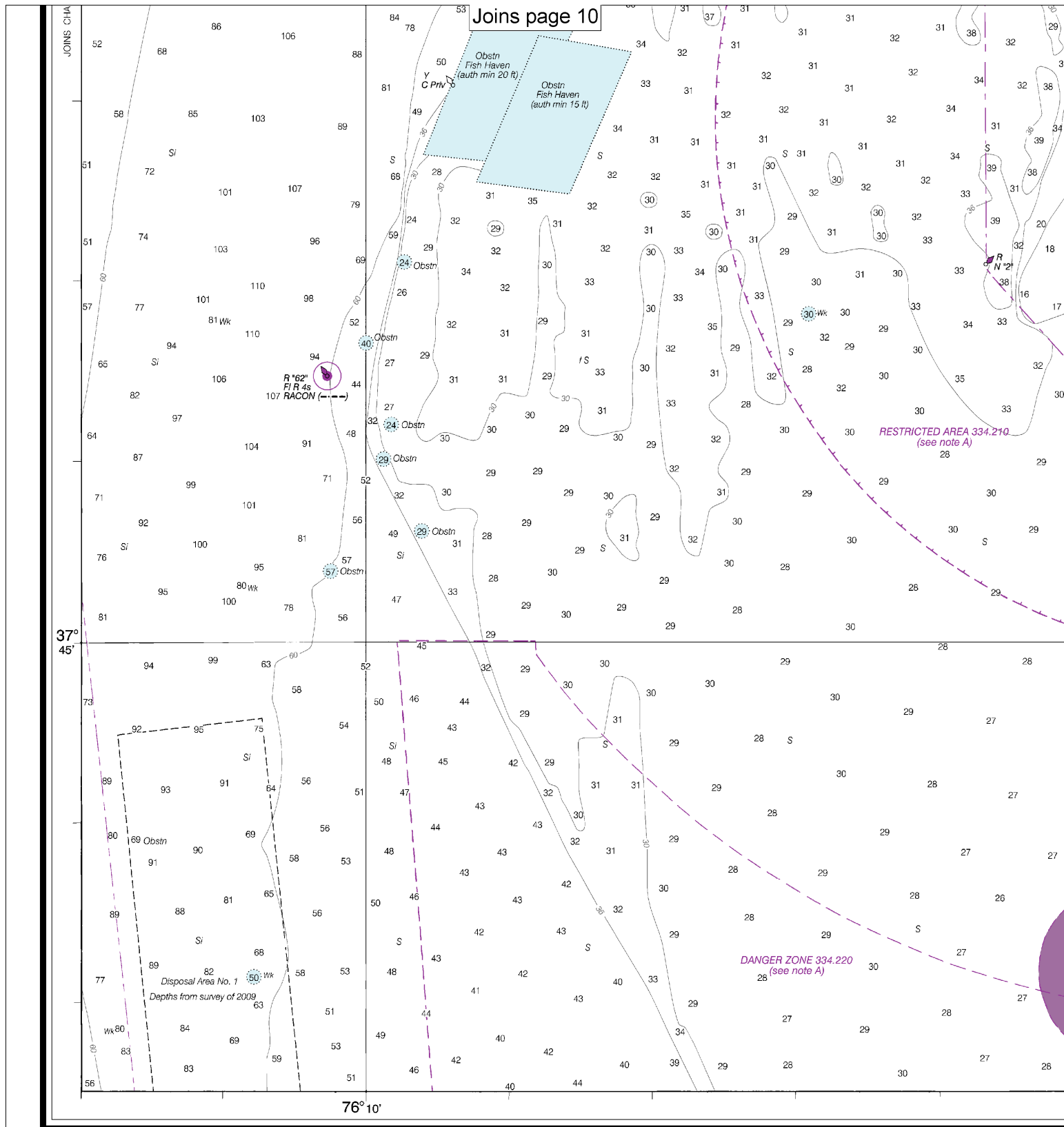
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NAME OF CHANNEL	60 Percent of Project Width - 40 Percent on Either Side of Center- Line	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (MILES)	DEPTH MLLW (FEET)
ENTRANCE CHANNEL	8.2	11-12	100	0.3	8
CHANNEL	4.1	11-12	60	0.9	8
ANCHORAGE BASIN	5.2A	11-12	400	----	7
TANGIER CHANNEL TO CHESAPEAKE BAY	6.0	11-12	60	0.7	7

A. EXCEPT FOR SHOALING TO +1.5 FEET IN THE VICINITY OF 37°49'42.5"N 75°59'25.5"W

NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION



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CAUTION

This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner. Chart updates corrected from Notice to Mariners published after the dates shown in the lower left hand corner are available at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov).

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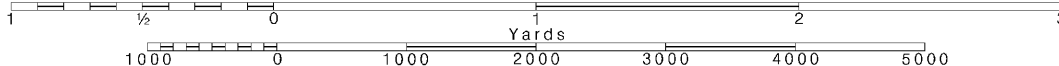
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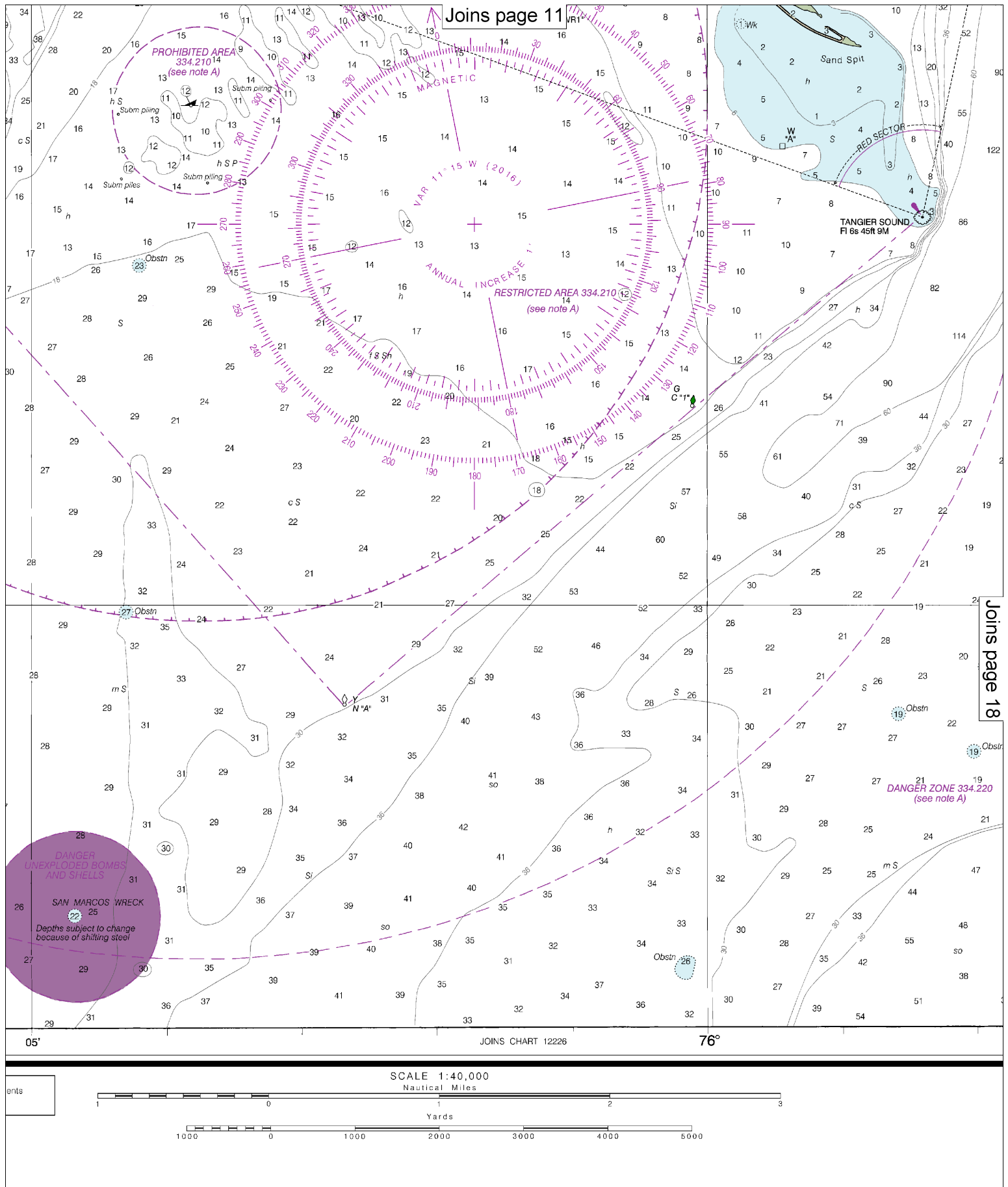
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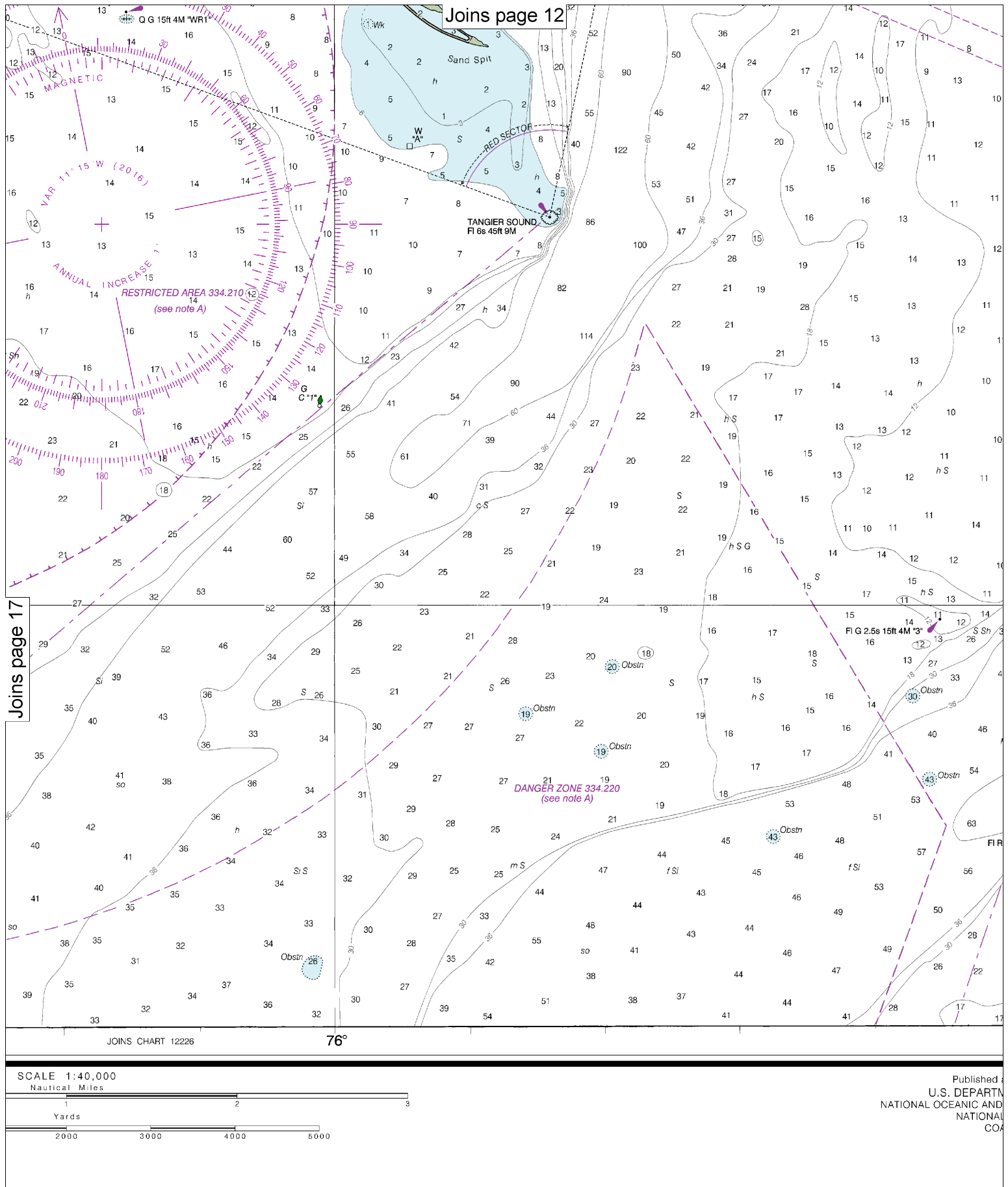
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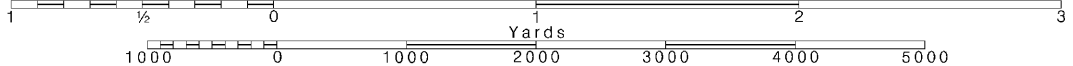


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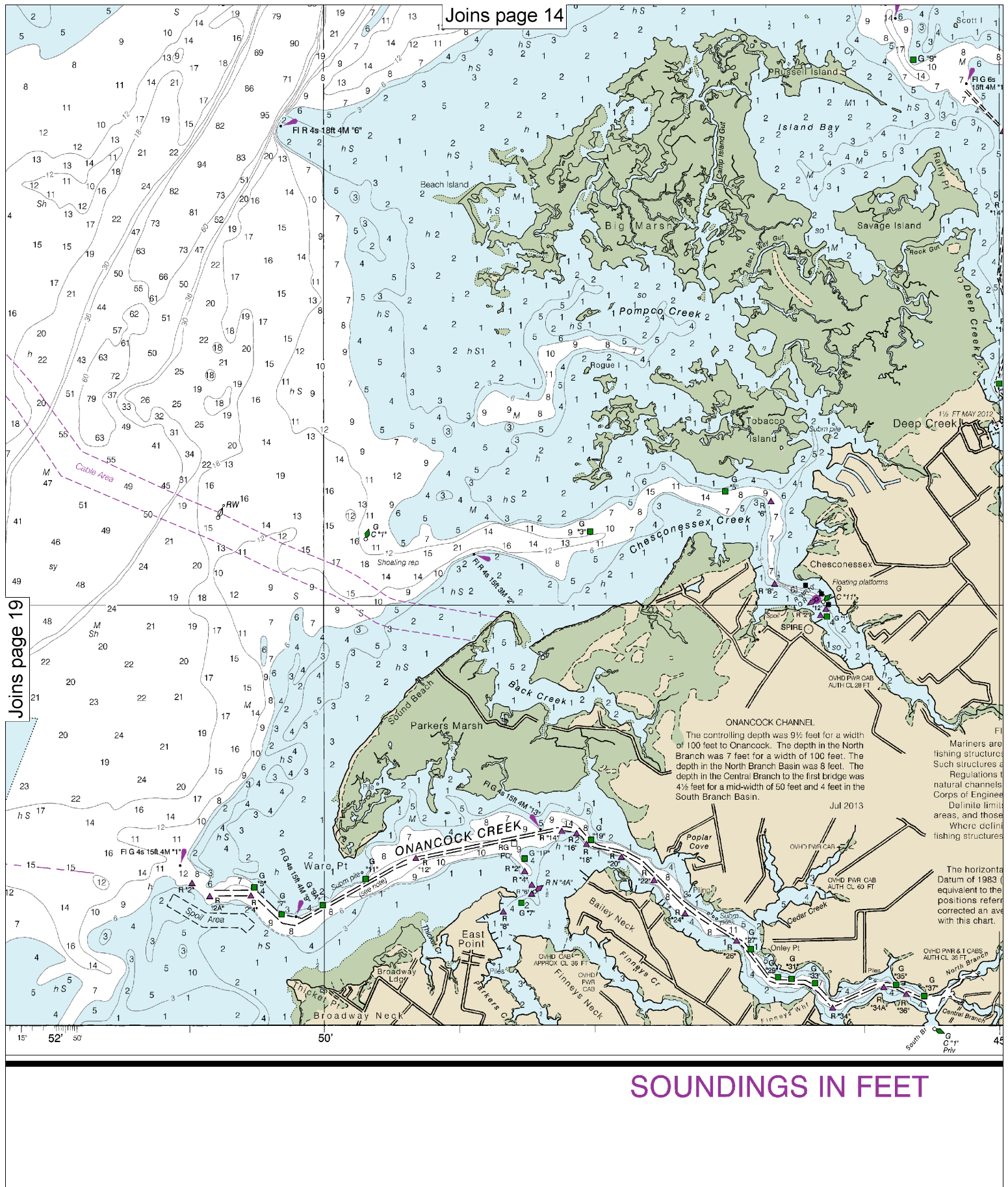




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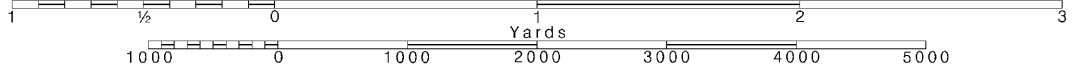
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THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

UNITED STATES - EAST COAST

MARYLAND - VIRGINIA

# CHESAPEAKE BAY

## POCOMOKE AND TANGIER SOUNDS

Mercator Projection

Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 37°51'

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

Additional information can be obtained at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov).

### TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE	(LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Ewell, Smith Island	(38°00'N/76°02'W)	1.9	1.7	1.5
Cristfield	(37°59'N/75°52'W)	2.1	2.0	1.8
Shelton	(37°59'N/75°38'W)	2.7	2.5	2.3
Wetters Island	(37°48'N/75°54'W)	1.8	1.7	1.5

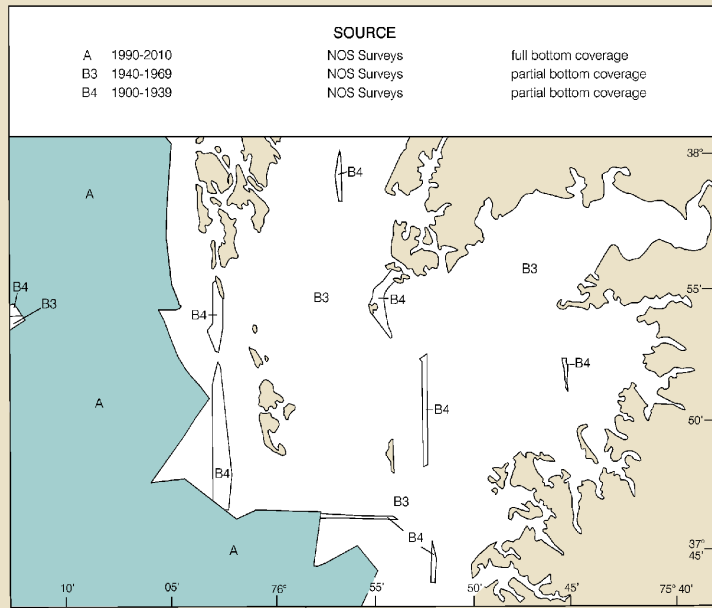
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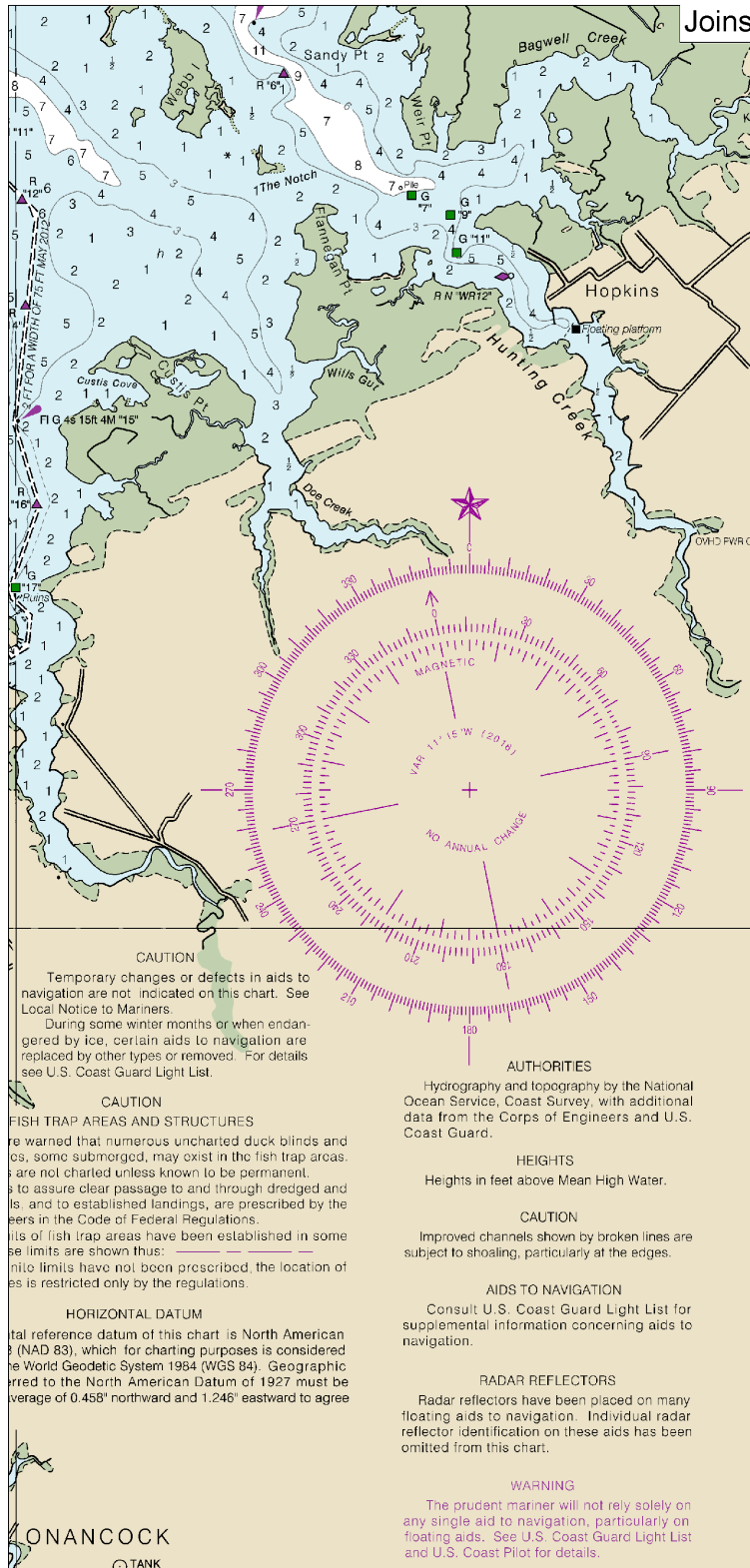
The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, *United States Coast Pilot*.

### SOURCE

A 1990-2010	NOS Surveys	full bottom coverage
B3 1940-1969	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
B4 1900-1939	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage



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45°

FATHOMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
FEET	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Pocomoke and Tangier Sounds

SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:40,000

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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



**NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR)** is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

## Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!**

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